

Rotary



Club of Stone Mountain

Reminder - Volunteer for the Dictionary Project - Tuesday, February 25, 2025

RCSM members, we need your help! Volunteers are needed to affix **Four-Way Test** stickers to approximately **500 dictionaries** for our Dictionary Project.

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 25
- **Time:** 12:00 PM (Noon)
- **Location:** CDI USA, Inc., 4897 Lewis Road, Suite A, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, (Satellite Passport club member Donna Jensen's place of business located across the street from FODAC)

We need as many hands as possible to complete this task! If you can assist—even for a short time—please **contact Rodney Finkley in advance** to confirm your availability.

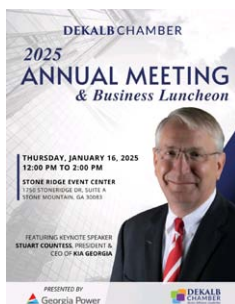
Email: rodneymfinkley@gmail.com

Phone: 770-875-6951

Thank you in advance for your support. **See you there!**

- #RCSM
- #rotary
- #rotaryclubofstonemountain
- #serviceproject
- #serviceaboveself
- #dekalbcountyga
- #rotarydistrict6900

The Power of Rotary and Chambers of Commerce: Strengthening Community & Business Connections



Rotarians are leaders in their professions and communities, always seeking opportunities to expand their reach and impact. One powerful way to do this is by joining local **Chambers of Commerce**.

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These organizations provide valuable **networking, business development, and community engagement** opportunities that align perfectly with Rotary's mission of **service and leadership**.

Recently, **Rotarians Dr. Maxine Cain and Cynthia Dorsey Edwards** attended events hosted by both the **DeKalb Chamber of Commerce** and the **Lithonia Chamber of Commerce**, representing the **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** and forging new and stronger connections with mayors from the cities of Stone Mountain, Lithonia, Clarkston, and Stonecrest, local businesses, and community leaders. Unfortunately, **President Darlene Daly** was unable to attend, but she looks forward to engaging with Chamber events in the future. These events provided a platform to:

- **Strengthen partnerships** with business leaders who share a passion for service.
- **Increase visibility** for Rotary's projects and initiatives.
- **Recruit potential new members** who are eager to serve their community.
- **Explore fundraising opportunities** through local business sponsorships.

By engaging with **Chambers of Commerce**, Rotarians gain access to valuable resources that can **support club initiatives, expand service projects, and strengthen the local economy**. When Rotary and Chambers work together, the entire community benefits!

We will be exploring more ways to **build bridges between business and service! But if you own a business, consider joining a Chamber of Commerce.**

[Read the DeKalb Chamber 87th Annual Meeting & Business Luncheon Recap Summary submitted by Dr. Cain.](#)

Countdown to 60 Years of Service!

- **May 12, 2025 – Observing Our Official Anniversary**
- **June 7, 2025 – Celebrating Through Service & Giving**

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain is turning **60**, and we're marking this milestone with a **purpose**—honoring our legacy through impactful service, meaningful fundraising, and heartfelt appreciation—ensuring Rotary's mission thrives for the next 60 years and beyond!

Get Involved Now!

- **Join a service project** – Give back in honor of our legacy.
- **Support our fundraising efforts** – Help sustain our programs.
- **Share your Rotary Club of Stone Mountain story** – Celebrate what this club and Rotary means to you.



Stay tuned for more details on how you can take part in the celebration.

Do You Have Technical Skills?

We need assistance with providing support and training for our hybrid club meetings. If you have experience with Zoom or general technical skills, please contact club president Darlene Daly, stonemountainrotary@gmail.com. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Join Zoom Meeting Rotary Club Stone Mountain

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86877934664?pwd=vbSTkP5vaz0XRg9DuZAKfDa2QHlH5n.1>

Meeting ID: 868 7793 4664
Passcode: 311249

New Rotary Members Needed



Do you know someone with a passion for service? Invite them to join us for a service project. Volunteering is a great way to introduce them to Rotary in a non-formal, fun way while giving back to the community.

We need new Rotarians who are not just members in name only but are ready to serve and contribute to our mission. Rotary is about action, and we're looking for individuals who will actively participate in our service projects, fundraising efforts, and club initiatives. Reach out to the Directors of Membership & Fundraising, the Director of Service Projects, or our club president.

Let's grow our club with dedicated, service-minded individuals who are excited to make a difference.

How Your Financial Contributions to the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain and Dues Make an Impact

Have you ever wondered how your financial contributions and club dues support our club's mission? Your generosity enables us to fund meaningful service projects and initiatives that change lives both locally and globally.

Traditionally, our club has supported:

- **Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)** – Providing essential medical equipment to individuals with disabilities
- **Laws of Life Essay Contest** – Encouraging students to reflect on their values and express them through writing
- **The Dictionary Project** – Promoting literacy by distributing dictionaries to 3rd-grade students
- **Side-by-Side Brain Injury Clubhouse** – Supporting individuals in their recovery from brain injuries
- **The Kilimanjaro Institute for Developmental Studies in Tanzania** – Donating to a scholarship fund in sponsorship of workforce training for young women who are survivors of gender-based violence
- **Additional community and international service initiatives** – Based on club priorities and available funding

Every dollar makes a difference. Your continued support ensures that we can sustain and expand these initiatives, making a lasting impact in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for being a part of this important work!

Upcoming Events at RCSM



Mark your calendars and join us for these upcoming Rotary Club of Stone Mountain events! Details will follow. **Please note that this list of activities is a work in progress and some events are subject to change. All efforts will be made to inform members of any updates in advance.**

February 2025

- **February 25, Noon** – Service Project (Dictionary Project – Pizza & Drinks for Volunteers) - **Location: CDI USA, Inc., 4897 Lewis Rd, Suite A, Stone Mountain, GA 30083**
- **February 26, 6 PM Eastern** – Social on-line meeting for the **Satellite Passport Club**.

All Rotarians and friends are welcome to the meeting. Join Zoom Meeting

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- **February 27** – RCSM Board Meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM (**tentative**)
- **February 28 - March 2** – President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

March 2025

- **March 4** – General Club Meeting, FODAC, 12:15 PM
- **March 11** – General Club Meeting, Zoom, 12:15 PM
- **March 20** – RCSM Rotary Means Business (TBD)
- **March 21** – DeKalb Rotary Council Breakfast, Conference Center, Georgia Piedmont Technical College (7:00 - 9:00 AM, \$25 per person – RCSM Members & Dr. Monique Robinzine, Redan High School, our Teacher of the Year nominee, will be recognized)
- **March 22** – Rotary Fellowship for Empowering Women - Menopause Webinar (1:00 - 3:00 PM)
- **March 24-28** – **Service Projects Week**
- **March 29** – District Assembly
- **March 30** – RCSM 1st Annual Dementia Walk Fundraiser, Stone Mountain Park

April 2025

- **April 1** – General Club Meeting, FODAC, 12:15 PM
- **April 8** – General Club Meeting, Zoom, 12:15 PM
- **April 17** – RCSM Rotary Means Business
- **April 21-25** – Service Projects Week
- **April 24-27** – **District 6900 Conference, Jekyll Island**
- **April 29** – **Tentative** RCSM Social

May 2025

- **May 1** – RCSM Board Meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM
- **May 3** – Rotary Fellowship for Empowering Women - Women of Impact Awards Event
- **May 6** – General Club Meeting, FODAC, 12:15 PM
- **May 13** – General Club Meeting, Zoom, 12:15 PM
- **May 22** – RCSM Rotary Means Business
- **May 26-31** – Service Projects Week; **No Meetings on May 26-27** Due to Memorial Day Holiday
- **May 29** – RCSM Board Meeting via Zoom, 5:00 PM

June 2025

- **June 3** – General Club Meeting, FODAC, 12:15 PM
- **June 7** – **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain 60th Anniversary Celebration, Awards, & Fundraiser**
- **June 21-25** – **Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada**
- **June 23-28** – **Service Projects Week**
- **June (and/or October)** – International Service Trip to Tanzania (Trip dates to be determined)
- **June 1-30** – End of the 2024-2025 Rotary Year (Administrative Close-Out & Transition to RY 2025-2026)

Other Key Activities:

- **Finance Ad-hoc Committee Breakfast Meetings**
 - **Club Committee Meetings** (Membership, Service Projects, Rotary Means Business, Fundraising, Youth Service, etc.)
 - **Internal Club Service Initiative - "Creating an Irresistible Club"**
 - **Social & Special Events**
 - **Training Events**
 - **Newsletter/Bulletin Publication Meetings**
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